

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 65
By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of the former Mayor of
Troy, Lester Pinkney Hailey, Jr.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Lester Pinkney Hailey, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hailey was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hailey managed the town of Troy both as an alderman and as Mayor of the town from 1953 through 1955; he also served as a magistrate for Obion County and, for twenty-five years, as foreman of the grand jury; and

WHEREAS, Lester Hailey served the good people of Troy and Obion County with honor and distinction, and he earned the respect of his constituents and of members of both the bench and the bar for the exemplary quality of his work, his commitment to justice for the people of Obion County, and his unswerving dedication to the greater good; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his stellar career in the government of Obion County, Mr. Hailey distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest ability and integrity as he sat on the Boards of Directors of the former Bank of Troy and the First Citizens Bank; and

WHEREAS, in 1970, Lester Hailey was appointed to the Board of Governors for the former Obion County General Hospital, and he served as chairman of that body for several years; and

WHEREAS, he also worked with great purpose for the Board of Directors of Baptist Memorial Hospital in Union City; at the time of his death, Mr. Hailey was still an honorary member of that Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hailey was proud to serve the children of Obion County, as well, and he treasured his position as a bus driver for the Obion County School System; and

WHEREAS, a community leader of the highest caliber, Mr. Hailey was a 50-year Mason, a Shriner, and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star; he was active in Gideons International and a charter member of the Troy Lions Club, and he was the longtime treasurer of the Elbridge Cemetery Association; and

WHEREAS, ever devoted to his country, Mr. Hailey was a United States Army veteran, having proudly and bravely fought to defend our freedom in the Second World War; and

WHEREAS, Lester Hailey was an active and devout member of the Troy United Methodist Church, which he served faithfully for many years as a lay speaker; and

WHEREAS, also deeply devoted to his family, Mr. Hailey always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of nearly sixty years, the former Dorothy Jones, with whom he had once owned the Variety Store on the square in Troy; his two sons, Terry and Lester; and his five grandchildren: Chad, Travis, Bret, Josh, and Jordan; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hailey leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Mr. Lester Pinkney Hailey, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Hailey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.